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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SORGE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1807
Serial No.: 08/529,767) Examiner: E. Campbell
Filed: September 18, 1995)
For: NOVEL POLYMERASE)
COMPOSITIONS AND USES)
THEREOF)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated March 19, 1996, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the claims of: Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to compositions comprising a mixture of an enzyme possessing 3'-5' exonuclease activity and a DNA polymerase having less 3'-5' exonuclease activity than said enzyme, classified in Class 435, subclass 194; and Group II, claims 9-16, drawn to methods of synthesizing a polynucleotide, classified in Class 536, subclass 22.1.

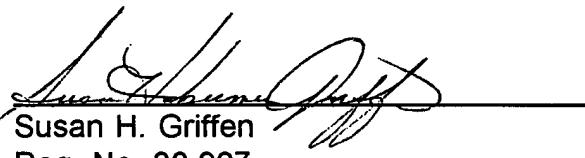
Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to compositions comprising a mixture of an enzyme possessing 3'-5' exonuclease activity and a DNA polymerase having less 3'-5' exonuclease activity than said enzyme, classified in Class 435, subclass 194.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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